

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  QWEST CORPORATION AND MID-IOWA TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION	DOCKET NO. NIA-01-9
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**ORDER APPROVING NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

(Issued June 6, 2001)

On March 28, 2001, Qwest Corporation and Mid-Iowa Telephone Cooperative Association filed a negotiated interconnection agreement for review by the Utilities Board (Board) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). On April 5, 2001, the Board issued an order identifying the filing as Docket No. NIA-01-9 and allowing any interested party the opportunity to submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing. No comments were filed.

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the Board may reject a negotiated interconnection agreement if it finds either (1) the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or (2) the implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Based upon the record made in this docket, the filed agreement does not discriminate against any other telecommunications carrier and is not inconsistent with the public interest and will be approved.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The negotiated interconnection agreement filed on March 28, 2001, by Qwest Corporation and Mid-Iowa Telephone Cooperative Association is approved to be effective upon the issuance of this order.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2001.